

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather over half term and spent lots of time outside. We have returned to the normal frustrations over building. You can see the MUGA is not complete and the snagging list continues for the new building. Lots of reasons why and lots of time chasing. I hope once it is complete, I will forget all the hassle in the pleasure of using the new facilities. On Monday, we are very excited to be welcoming Mark Ormrod to the school. It is such good timing that we had booked him to come and open the building just as his fame increases due to his fabulous Invictus Games performances. He really is a role model of resilience and strength of character and will speak to the children and show his medals. Any parents are welcome to join us from 2.00pm onwards when we will gather in the playground to cut a ribbon and cheer the building. After this, parents can either walk around school with the school council who are taking tours, or go into their child's class or even have a delicious cream tea with Mark and other guests in the hall.

On Saturday, the choir sang in the Wesley Church as part of the Royal British Legion remembrance events which are very special this year as it is marking 100 years since the end of WW1. I was so proud of the eight children who came and sang so, so well. The compliments from the audience were very heartfelt and reflected how well they did. The families who gave up their time and Miss Hall who gave up her Saturday night, all deserve recognition and thanks. In order that all of our children appreciate the national event of remembrance, we are holding our own event on Friday, 9th November at 10.30am. This will involve the children from our service families reading poems and all the children singing a few songs. Then, we will have all the children laying poppy seeds and decorated pebbles along the new bank. Mr Foran has made a remembrance memorial which will also be displayed. If you wish to attend the event it should take about an hour and we need an idea of numbers as it is planned for the hall so could you email the office if you wish to come. Everyone is welcome it is just a question of space.

It is the community Wassail event on Saturday at Warfelton Field. All Year 3/4 children have learnt the Wassail which will be happening as part of this event so if you are there, please encourage them to join in to show off their skills. They did enjoy learning the dance this week. Mrs Jones and Mrs Paterson also made a school scarecrow who I have to admit I find rather scary! It is so life like that it gives you a start when you catch a glimpse of it. It will be judged on Saturday as part of the event.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd November**
Kalan Gwav from 2.00pm
Warfelton Field
- 5th November**
Grand Opening at 2.00pm
- 7th November**
Nasal Flu Vaccination
Year Foundation to Year 5
- 9th November**
Remembrance Service at
10.30am
- 16th November**
Wear something sporty
£2 donation for
Children in Need
- 26th November**
EYFS Wedding at St
Stephens Church at 9.30am
- 26th - 28th November**
Book Fair
- 29th November**
Foundation and Year 6
National Child Measurement
Programme
- 10th December**
KS1 Show Dress Rehearsal
- 11th December**
KS1 Show
1.30pm - 2.30pm
- 12th December**
KS1 Show
10.00am - 11.00am
Christmas Dinner
- 13th December**
KS1 Show
6.00pm - 7.00pm
- 14th December**
EYFS Trip to Theatre Royal
- 17th December**
EYFS Nativity Dress
Rehearsal (am)
- EYFS Christmas Party (pm)
- 18th December**
EYFS Nativity
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Year 1/2 Christmas Party
Year 3/4 Christmas Party
- 19th December**
EYFS Nativity
9.30am - 10.30am
Christmas Carol Service
1.30pm - 2.30pm



On Monday, the children in Foundation started learning about the Gingerbread Man story. They went into the kitchen where Mrs Connors had made them a lovely Gingerbread Man to try. When they got there they were shocked to find that the Gingerbread Man had run away! He had left some flour footprints leading out of the back door and onto the playground...they are now on the lookout for him! The children have been making posters and signs to help find him, if you see him let us know!



Congratulations to Isla T for having her haircut to raise money for a Cancer charity. This is a wonderful act of kindness, well done from all at St Stephens.

Well done to Theo B - our first pupil to move onto the Green Karate Reading card. Brilliant!

Thank you to Mrs Thorn for the new school logo transfer on our front door - it looks great.



We were very lucky to have a visit from Heather Chang who bought Susie, her guide dog and Idris, a puppy in training, to meet the children and talk about the valuable work of a guide dog. Thank you

Here are the attendance figures for October. The whole school average for October was 96.8% which is very good. You will see four classes where attendance was slightly lower than the expected 96.5%.

The class attendance figures for October were:

5/6 VJ - 96.3%	1/2 CB - 98.0%
5/6 GP - 95.8%	1/2 NB - 94.9%
5/6 LM - 96.7%	1/2 SK - 97.0%
3/4 SH - 97.1%	1/2 AP - 97.3%
3/4 TB - 96.4%	FAM - 96.5%
3/4 PH - 98.3%	FCW - 97.2%

October's winners: 1st 3/4 PH, 2nd 1/2 CB, 3rd 1/2 AP.

As a reminder, please ensure that if your child is absent from school due to illness, please let us know as soon as possible on each day of the absence by calling the school and leaving a message on the absence line.



'Excellence is in Everyone'



- Lucas P. of F AM for his brilliant 'fred talking' in phonics.
 Layla-Lou P. of F AM for her super effort with letter formation.
 Oscar J. of F CW for enthusiasm for dressing up and role play.
 Taylor W. of F CW for excellent Maths learning.
 Robert J. of 1/2 AP for his motivation to learn and succeed.
 Olivia W. of 1/2 AP for her increasing confidence when speaking in front of others.
 Aidan G. of 1/2 NB for persevering in his learning and showing a positive attitude.
 Isabelle K. of 1/2 NB for showing positivity in her learning and being a kind and caring member of class.
 Daisy B. of 1/2 CB for her collaborative learning when sequencing instructions in English.
 Leo F. of 1/2 CB for his resilient attitude to learning, especially when solving problems in Maths.
 Ellie M. of 1/2 SK for asking and answering lots of interesting questions about her learning.
 Lacey S. of 1/2 SK for writing some fabulous instructions about trapping an alien!
 Leah A. of 3/4 SH for excellent resilience in all of her learning.
 Amy J. of 3/4 SH for superb focus on her presentation and handwriting.
 Toby I. of 3/4 PH for his imaginative writing in his dragon information text.
 Marcie K. of 3/4 PH for her precisely written information text about dragons.
 Abi B. of 3/4 TB for showing great determination with her spellings leading to super progress.
 Roxanne E. of 3/4 TB for making fantastic progress in both reading and writing.
 Liam W. of 5/6 LM for amazing reading and comprehension.
 Tuan E. of 5/6 LM for reading six times in one week.
 Jacob N. of 5/6 GP for good enthusiasm towards his reading.
 Gracie H. of 5/6 GP for managing her distractions and really engaging in English.
 Emily B. of 5/6 VJ for growing confidence and maturity when listening to advice.
 Molly J. of 5/6 VJ for amazing powers of three and beautiful pebble painting.

We need pine cones and jam jars for a school project - please pass any to the school office - thank you.

Year 2019 Foundation tours

We have dates advertised on our school website to welcome parents/carers to visit our school with a view to their child starting with us in September 2019. Please let your friends/family know to book a tour date with us if they wish to look around.

Yoga and Steel Drums

are cancelled on 5th, 12th and 19th and 26th November. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you

NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Next Wednesday, Kernow Health CIC will be visiting the school to give the Nasal Flu Vaccination to all children in Year Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. For further information, please contact Kernow Health CIC direct on 01872 221105.

The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday, 6th November at The Ploughboy at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME



Poppy stationery for sale in support of the Poppy Appeal

As you will have seen from our letter this week, we will be selling Poppy stationery at school for the children to purchase. This will be available during break time from Thursday, 1st November outside the KS2 library and will continue to be sold at break times until Friday, 9th November. If your child wishes to purchase any of the Poppy Appeal stationery, please ensure they bring the correct money to school. Suggested donations are: Eraser 50p, Reflector 50p, Pencil Sharpener 50p, Pencil 50p, Ruler £1.00.

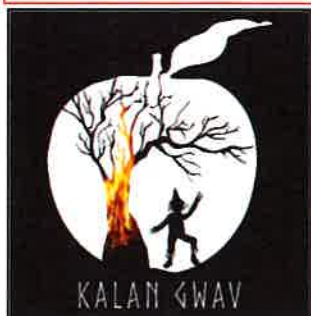
Here are some pictures of what the children got up to during Holiday Club when the school was closed for INSET.



Don't forget to let us know if you would be interested in purchasing a Christmas CD for £5. Thank you

PE clothing - Now that the weather has turned cold, you may wish to send your child to school with a tracksuit/long bottoms/long sleeved top for PE. Please clearly label all items. Thank you

Lunch reminder - No bookings for individual meals are required on ParentPay as the children will choose at the counter. Thank you



Saturday 3rd November
 From 2pm
 Warfelton Field
 Live Music, Bouncy Castles,
 Hot Food, and Outdoor Market
 Fireworks

2pm	Zig Zag, Children's Entertainer
3pm	The Grand Wheelbarrow Race
3:20	Trophy Presentations: * Wheelbarrow Race * Scarecrow Competition * Apple Bake Off
3:30	Wassail
3:45	Burraton Boys
4:45	Simon & His Uncle
5:45	Black Friday
6:45	Fireworks

Enter in the Scarecrow Competition via the Kalan Gwav FB page or at the Community Market, 4 Fore Street. Registration closes at 5pm on 22nd Oct.

Bring your Signature Apple Dish for entry in the Bake Off to Saltash United Football Club between 1pm and 2pm on 3rd Nov.

Help fund the fireworks! Search for Saltash Kalan Gwav on www.crowdfunder.co.uk

If you require this information in a different language or format, please contact the school office.